spite of repeated requests by the people to begin the construction of the road as early as possible ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) This road is provided for in the Road Board programme sanctioned in July 1944.

(*b*) Rs. 2,500, 3,000 and 3,000 respectively.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The provision in the Road Board programme is only Rs. 8,500 but the acquisition charges are Rs. 13,660. The delay was due to want of sufficient allotment.

KATTUR—KAKKATHURUTHY ROAD

147. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was a statement by the Government on the floor of the Legislative Council in 1116 that the construction of the Kattur Kakkathuruthy road will begin in the next year ;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to state in what stage at present is the construction of that road ;

(*c*) will Government also state the cause for the delay in the construction of this road in spite of repeated requests and reminders ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) It was stated then that the next Road Board will allot funds for the construction of this road.

(*b*) Land acquisition proceedings are over and the amount has been paid.

(*c*) The sum of Rs. 5,000 originally allotted was not sufficient even for the acquisition charges, and hence the delay.

148. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) in which year the construction of the Kattur Kakkathuruthy road was sanctioned ;

(*b*) the amount allotted to be spent in each year ;

(*c*) whether the amounts alloted to each year have been spent ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative, why those amounts were not spent in the years for which they were allotted ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) This road was approved by the Road Board in 1112 and a token grant of Rs. 5,000 was alloted. This was not sufficient even for Land Acquisition charges, and an additional sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by the Road Board in 1118.

(*b*) Rs. 2,500 in 1115 and Rs. 2,500 in 1116.

(*c*) See answer to (*d*).

(*d*) The question of spending any money on acquisition before the full amount required for acquisition is in hand was considered unjustified ; and so no money was spent in the years given in the answer to sub-division (*b*). The land acquisition charges have now been paid.

MATHILAKOM ROAD

149. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the Government have knowledge that the Mathilakom road especially the portion of the road from the Areepalom bridge to the river is in a miserable condition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

Government are aware that this portion of the road is not in a good condition.

KUNNAMKULAM—VADAKKANCHERI ROAD THROUGH NELLUVAYA, THICHUR, ETC., VILLAGES

150. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Chief Engineer has received a mass petition from the people of Nelluvai, Thichur, Thaly and Arangottukara, Talappally Taluk, in regard to the urgent necessity of opening a road from Kunnamkulam-Vadakkancheri road so as to run through the above-said villages;

(*b*) if so, what the Government intend to do in that matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Land acquisition papers for opening the road up to Thichur have been prepared. This portion of the road work will be taken up soon.

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